

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently amended) A molded door skin, comprising:  
  
an exterior surface having outer portions lying on a first plane;  
  
spaced grooves recessed from the first plane of said outer portions to simulate an appearance of wood ticks; and  
  
tonal portions formed in said exterior surface and having a planar area and a plurality of spaced depressions for retaining stain and simulating an appearance of wood background tone, said spaced depressions recessed from the plane of said planar area.
2. (Original) The door skin of claim 1, wherein said spaced grooves have variable depths relative to the plane of said outer portions.
3. (Original) The door skin of claim 2, wherein said spaced grooves are recessed from the plane of said outer portions from between about 0.005 inches to about 0.015 inches.
4. (Original) The door skin of claim 1, wherein said spaced grooves are variably spaced from each other.
5. (Original) The door skin of claim 1, wherein said spaced grooves extend longitudinally relative to each other.

6. (Original) The door skin of claim 5, wherein said spaced grooves have variable lengths.
7. (Currently amended) The door skin of claim 1, wherein the plane of said planar ~~portion~~ area is coplanar with the first plane of said outer portions.
8. (Original) The door skin of claim 1, wherein said spaced depressions are recessed from the plane of said planar ~~portion~~ area from between about 0.001 inches to about 0.003 inches.
9. (Original) The door skin of claim 1, wherein said tonal portions have differing densities of said depressions.
10. (Original) The door skin of claim 1, wherein the door skin is manufactured from a material selected from the group consisting of sheet molding compound, polystyrene, polypropylene, steel, medium density fiberboard, hard board, fiberboard, and thermoplastic material.
11. (Currently amended) The door skin of claim 1, wherein said outer portions, said spaced grooves, and said tonal portions ~~from~~ form a wood grain pattern.
12. (Original) The door skin of claim 1, further comprising a stain on said exterior surface.

13-37. (Canceled)

38. (Currently amended) A molded construction component, comprising:  
an exterior surface having outer portions lying on a first plane;  
spaced grooves recessed from the first plane of said outer portions to simulate an appearance of wood ticks; and  
tonal portions formed in said exterior surface and having a planar area and a plurality of spaced depressions for retaining stain and simulating an appearance of wood background tone, said spaced depressions recessed from the plane of said planar area.

39. (Original) The molded construction component of claim 38, wherein said spaced grooves have variable depths relative to the plane of said outer portions.

40. (Original) The molded construction component of claim 38, wherein said spaced grooves are recessed from the plane of said outer portions from between about 0.005 inches to about 0.015 inches.

41. (Original) The molded construction component of claim 38, wherein said spaced grooves are variably spaced from each other.

42. (Original) The molded construction component of claim 38, wherein said spaced grooves extend longitudinally relative to each other.

43. (Original) The molded construction component of claim 42, wherein said spaced grooves have variable lengths.

44. (Currently amended) The molded construction component of claim 38, wherein the plane of said planar ~~portion~~ area is coplanar with the first plane of said outer portions.

45. (Original) The molded construction component of claim 38, wherein said spaced depressions are recessed from the plane of said planar areas from between about 0.001 inches to about 0.003 inches.

46. (Original) The molded construction component of claim 38, wherein said tonal portions have differing densities of said depressions.

47. (Currently amended) The molded construction component of claim 38, wherein the ~~door-skin~~ molded construction component is manufactured from a material selected from the group consisting of sheet molding compound, polystyrene, polypropylene, steel, medium density fiberboard, hard board, fiberboard, and thermoplastic material.

48. (Currently amended) The molded construction component of claim 38, wherein said outer portions, said spaced grooves, and said tonal portions ~~from~~ form a wood grain pattern.

49. (Currently amended) A door, comprising:  
a peripheral frame; and  
at least one door skin, said door skin having an exterior surface with outer portions lying on a first plane, spaced grooves recessed from the first plane of said outer portions to simulate an appearance of wood ticks, and tonal portions, ~~said tonal portions~~ formed in said exterior surface and having a planar area and a plurality of spaced depressions for retaining stain and simulating an appearance of wood background tone, said spaced depressions recessed from the plane of said planar area.

50. (Original) The door of claim 49, wherein the door has two of said door skins secured to opposing sides of said frame.

51. (New) The door skin of claim 1, wherein the spaced depressions are substantially square in configuration.

52. (New) The door skin of claim 1, wherein the spaced depressions are substantially cylindrical in configuration.

53. (New) The door skin of claim 1, wherein the spaced depressions are arranged in a grid pattern in plan view.

54. (New) The door skin of claim 53, wherein the spaced depressions are substantially square in configuration.

55. (New) The door skin of claim 53, wherein the spaced depressions are substantially cylindrical in configuration.

56. (New) The molded construction component of claim 38, wherein the spaced depressions are substantially square in configuration.

57. (New) The molded construction component of claim 38, wherein the spaced depressions are substantially cylindrical in configuration.

58. (New) The molded construction component of claim 38, wherein the spaced depressions are arranged in a grid pattern in plan view.

59. (New) The molded construction component of claim 58, wherein the spaced depressions are substantially square in configuration.

60. (New) The molded construction component of claim 58, wherein the spaced depressions are substantially cylindrical in configuration.

61. (New) The door of claim 49, wherein the spaced depressions are substantially square in configuration.

62. (New) The door of claim 49, wherein the spaced depressions are substantially cylindrical in configuration.

63. (New) The door of claim 49, wherein the spaced depressions are arranged in a grid pattern in plan view.

64. (New) The door of claim 63, wherein the spaced depressions are substantially square in configuration.

65. (New) The door of claim 63, wherein the spaced depressions are substantially cylindrical in configuration.

66. (New) The door of claim 50, wherein the spaced depressions are substantially square in configuration.

67. (New) The door of claim 50, wherein the spaced depressions are substantially cylindrical in configuration.

68. (New) The door of claim 50, wherein the spaced depressions are arranged in a grid pattern in plan view.

69. (New) The door of claim 68, wherein the spaced depressions are substantially square in configuration.

70. (New) The door of claim 68, wherein the spaced depressions are substantially cylindrical in configuration.